

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 6 World Communion Sunday Peace & Global Witness Offering 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper	Thursday, October 10 10:30 Ambassador Choir Sunday, October 13 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting 4:30-6:30 Youth Activity at the Stillerman Home
Tuesday, October 8 4:00 Exercise class	
Wednesday, October 9 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	

Family Promise

FPC will be hosting families again during the week of **October 27 - November 3**. If you'd like to help you can sign up online at [Find A Sign Up](#) or go to SignUpGenius.com and under "Search for a Sign Up" enter my e-mail address: dougbolton@yahoo.com then follow the prompts to choose which job you want to do.

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

If you would like information about membership or the programs, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to a pastor as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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You may read or listen to recent sermons by visiting our website (www.fpccov.org) and clicking on "Media."



The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

Suggested donations:

October: oatmeal, grits, boxed cereals

Baby Love is our program to collect diapers and wipes, or donations toward them, to give to local organizations which distribute them to parents in need. Place diapers in the cradle in the narthex. Donations should be designated to "Baby Love".



THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

October Usher Chair
Michael Thompson

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2019
Carter Gibson
Jay Lanners
John McCarthy
Cheryl Meichsner
Miriam Wheeler
Allie Hay

Class of 2020
Doug Bolton
Stan Hall
Cindy Moon
Bob Tabb
Michael Thompson

Class of 2021
Warren Liem
Pam Stillerman
Donna Weesner
Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Steven Barnes
Kimmy Briggs

Interim Pastor
Director of
Family Ministries
Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director

Peni Kehoe
Krista Firkus

Alice Walker
CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir
Nursery
Jenny Giles and Jade Roy
Darlene Alley
Director of the
Early Learning Center



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Kevin Uppercue
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther
Bill Cobham, trombone Alice Walker, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Darcel Tabb

CALL TO WORSHIP

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

From down the street to across town; from single households to farms to apartment dwellers:

God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones to youth to elders with overflowing hearts:

God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You gave us the gift of your law, but we do not keep your commandments. You sent your Son to save us, but we sent him to his death. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are freed to forgive; graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God! Amen!

RESPONSE

Hymn 71, refrain

FIRST SONG

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

You Are Invited!

TRUNK OR TREAT

SAFE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

3rd Annual Trunk or Treat!

Hosted by the Early Learning Center

Sunday, October 27, 4 to 6 pm

FPC Fellowship Hall

No Cost to Attend; Costumes Encouraged!

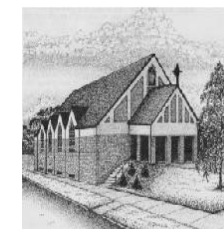
50/50 Raffle—information to follow!

Families are asked to:

1. Send in a bag of candy by Oct. 22
2. Consider hosting a "trunk" or game

(Hint: Pinterest has TONS of ideas!)

Recycling Church Bulletins: Take your worship bulletin home, if you wish, or put it in the basket by the front doors so they can be recycled! Thanks for being a Good Steward!



✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Prayer of the Children* arr. Andrea S. Klouse

Can you hear the pray'r of the children on bended knee, in the shadow of an unknown room? Empty eyes with no more tears to cry, turning heavenward toward the light. Cryin' Jesus help me to see the mornin' light of one more day, but if I should die before I wake, I pray my soul to take. Can you feel the hearts of the children aching for home, for something of their very own? Reaching hands with nothing to hold on to, but hope for a better day, a better day. Cryin' Jesus help me to feel the love again in my own land, but if unknown roads lead away from home, give me loving arms, 'way from harm. Can you hear the voice of the children softly pleading for silence in their shattered world? Angry guns preach a gospel full of hate, blood of the innocent on their hands. Cryin' Jesus help me to feel the sun again upon my face? For when darkness clears, I know you're near, bringing peace again. Can you hear the pray'r of the children?

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN The Rev. Kimmy Briggs

All the children are invited to come forward for the Word for Children. Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may go to children's activities downstairs.

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:1-13 (p.197 NT)

SERMON *All of Us ... We Come* The Rev. Steven Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 769 *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934)*

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Jack C. Goode

✦DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We can hoard the gifts with which you bless us, God of generosity, or we can share them with others. May what we offer in these moments be the very blessing, the very hope, the very peace others need. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all nations and people, we give you thanks ... as we confidently and boldly pray together, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion

We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row. Please return to your pew by the side aisles.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTAD

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦RESPONSE 748 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

✦POSTLUDE Douglas Wagner
Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord!

✦Please stand if able.

Worship Notes

- ✦**Mary Ann Boyer** is assisting in worship today.
- ✦Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** when you leave.
- ✦Documents and Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
- ✦Music and hymns printed in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦Agnes Campbell-ICU at Piedmont Newton
- ✦Anthony Arwood-stroke, Shepherd Spinal Center (husband of Audrey, son-in-law of Pat Harper)
- ✦Ronnie Patrick-cancer treatment (son of Jim and Lynda Patrick)
- ✦Sharon Beasley Strickland-tests for oral cancer (classmate of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ✦Bill Miller-vascular dementia (brother of Beth Vining)
- ✦Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's (sister of Danny Vining)
- ✦Warren Liem-health concerns
- ✦Jo Ellen Anderson -emergency surgery for blood clots (cousin of Julie Epps)
- ✦Bill Cobham-home
- ✦Sam Ramsey-breathing issues
- ✦Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ✦Miriam Witherspoon-shoulder surgery (daughter of Miriam & Jack Wheeler)
- ✦Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ✦Gene Stillwell-skin cancer surgery (cousin of Mary Ann Boyer)
- ✦Jessica Couture-skin cancer surgery (daughter of Del & Mary Ann Boyer)
- ✦Larry Kennon-recovering from shoulder surgery
- ✦Terry Elder-myasthenia gravis (daughter of Jean Elder)
- ✦Ellen Clary-chemo therapy (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
- ✦Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)
- ✦Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ✦Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor
- ✦Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
- ✦Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ✦Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ✦Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
✦Julia Brubaker-Benton House
✦Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks

Merryvale:

- ✦Patti & Homer Borders
- ✦Dot Fincher
- ✦Guy McGiboney
- ✦Betty Robinson
- ✦Louise White
- ✦Alice Gadilhe
- ✦Roger Wallace
- ✦Jerry McGaffney

Home:

- ✦Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
- ✦Debi (Dee) Selin
- ✦Agnes Campbell
- ✦Penny Blakeney

Hospital Visitor:
Cy Wolverton

✦Pastor Nominating Committee-please keep this team in your prayers throughout the process of searching for our new pastor.



Please update your prayer requests this week! Names will be left on for one month unless updated.
Email: admin@fpccov.org or call the church office, 770-786-7321